

## Several routine improvement projects either completed or underway at Elba City Schools

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The start of a new school year is just around the corner, and the staff and administration of Elba City Schools has been busy this summer working to make sure the schools are in "tip-top" shape when students return in early August.

Superintendent Danny Weeks said there are not enough words to properly commend the staff that has worked throughout the summer to make many welcomed improvements to the school's facilities and grounds. If a dollar figure were to be placed on all the work the staff has done, he said the savings to the school system would be unbelievable.

Some of the projects either completed or underway include a new gym floor at the elementary school, painting, floor polishing and erosion control.

Weeks especially commended the career tech staff and the coaches for all the work they have done throughout the summer. He said he believes their hard work and dedication will certainly be evident when school resumes.

Teachers will return Monday, Aug. 6, for their first day of school while the students are scheduled to return Thursday, Aug. 9.

Weeks said the majority of last year's staff is returning to the schools; however, there are a few changes including a new principal at the high school. Shane Casey is the school's new principal.

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will be constructed.

Riley notified Mayor William H. Mullins that the grant had been approved. The town has also pledged \$26,040 for the project.

The grant was made available to the state through the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund. The LWCF program was created in 1965 by Congress to assist states in developing recreational facilities.

The Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs is administering the grant.



Elba City Schools Superintendent Danny Weeks said the schools' coaching staff has worked hard over the summer to complete various painting projects among other things. The bus loading area at the back of the high school is evidence of their work (as shown above). Several doors and posts that once were blue have now been painted black and offer a much more attractive look. In the area above, some concrete has been added to help cut down on the amount of dirt tracked into the school and gym.



A new gym floor at the elementary school is among the many improvements made over the summer at the Elba City Schools. Superintendent Weeks said this new gym floor is state-of-the-art and the flex-type court it now features will be a safety benefit for students.



A roofing project at the central office was ongoing this week at Elba City Schools. Superintendent Danny Weeks said the building had received some minor wind damage over time, and this work was needed to correct the problem.



Erosion work has been a big project this summer at Elba City Schools. Many areas around the school complex were in need of work to prevent ongoing erosion, and Superintendent Weeks said several of his staff members have worked really hard to correct the erosion problems. The staff members also have worked to clean ditches around the school that over time had become an eyesore. Weeks said he is very proud of the work the staff has completed over the summer. He said it is undeniable that their hard work has saved the school system many thousands of dollars. These type projects are ongoing each summer, and Weeks said the school's staff is always ready and willing to do what needs to be done to keep the Elba School System in good shape.

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## Elba City Council planning workshop to discuss need for additional police officers

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council business Monday evening was light. Two board appointments were approved; a tax abatement was voted in for a local firm and a resolution applying for a federal grant will move forward.

The Healthcare Authority of Elba, which owns and manages the Elba General Hospital and Nursing Home, submitted a list of board members for ratification. This was necessary due to the death of long time Chairman Drexel Cook and resignation of Carolyn Brunson.

The new make-up of the five member board is as follows: Chairman Pete Cash (moving up from Vice Chairman), term expiring 12-12-2013; new appointee - Jimmy Cook, term expiring 11-12-2011; Cabert Mills, term expiring 11-12-2011; new appointee - Kenneth Strong, term expiring 11-12-2009; and Daniel Stephens, term expiring 2009.

The council approved a resolution authorizing Mayor James Grimes to sign the necessary paperwork to complete application for a CDBG Community Enhancement grant to install new sewer lines on Marilyn Street.

A delegation of residents, in that area appeared before the council recently requesting the help. A similar application was declined several years ago, due to an unimpressive cost-benefit ratio, but might gain approval in this round of grants.

The amount of the grant application is \$240,050 and the local matching funds totals

\$25,000.

The council also approved tax abatements for the new Dorsey Trailers. The property tax portion of the abatement is for 10 years. The sales tax abatement will be a one-time affair for equipment purchased prior to the start-up of the manufacturing firm, which is now a division of Pitts Enterprises.

City Clerk Wayne Grantham reported that if the good weather "holds", the long awaited resurfacing of Highway 84, from the Bypass to Highway 87 (Samson Highway) is expected begin in a few days.

Grantham also announced that more demolition of "falling in" buildings across from Dorsey Trailers should be done in the next few weeks. He added that additional crews are working to keep up with the trash pick-up in town. He added a reminder to residents that a load of a half truckload or more is billed to residents at the rate of \$50 per load. He said this has been on the ordinance books for many years and is not something new.

Mayor Grimes reported he is still evaluating the ISO rating report, has met with the fire chief and has a scheduled meeting with the water superintendent. His goal is to find out what needs to be done to improve the community's fire fighting rating.

A workshop is planned for Thursday, August 26th at 5:00 p.m. The announced purpose of this meeting is to again discuss the need for additional police officers. The meeting will be in the council chambers of city hall.

## Red Cross conducts community blood drive in Elba

by Brian Blak, Staff Writer

Many Elba citizens answered the call for help earlier this week by giving blood during the Elba Community Blood Drive.

The blood drive was held Monday, July 23, from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Elba Recreation Center, and according to Russell Robinson, blood drive charge nurse, the worthy event was a success.

"As of 1 p.m. we have 16 pints of blood, and, as you can see, we have more coming in at this time," said Robinson during the blood drive. "Things have been slow today, but we really appreciate all of those who came out to donate blood."

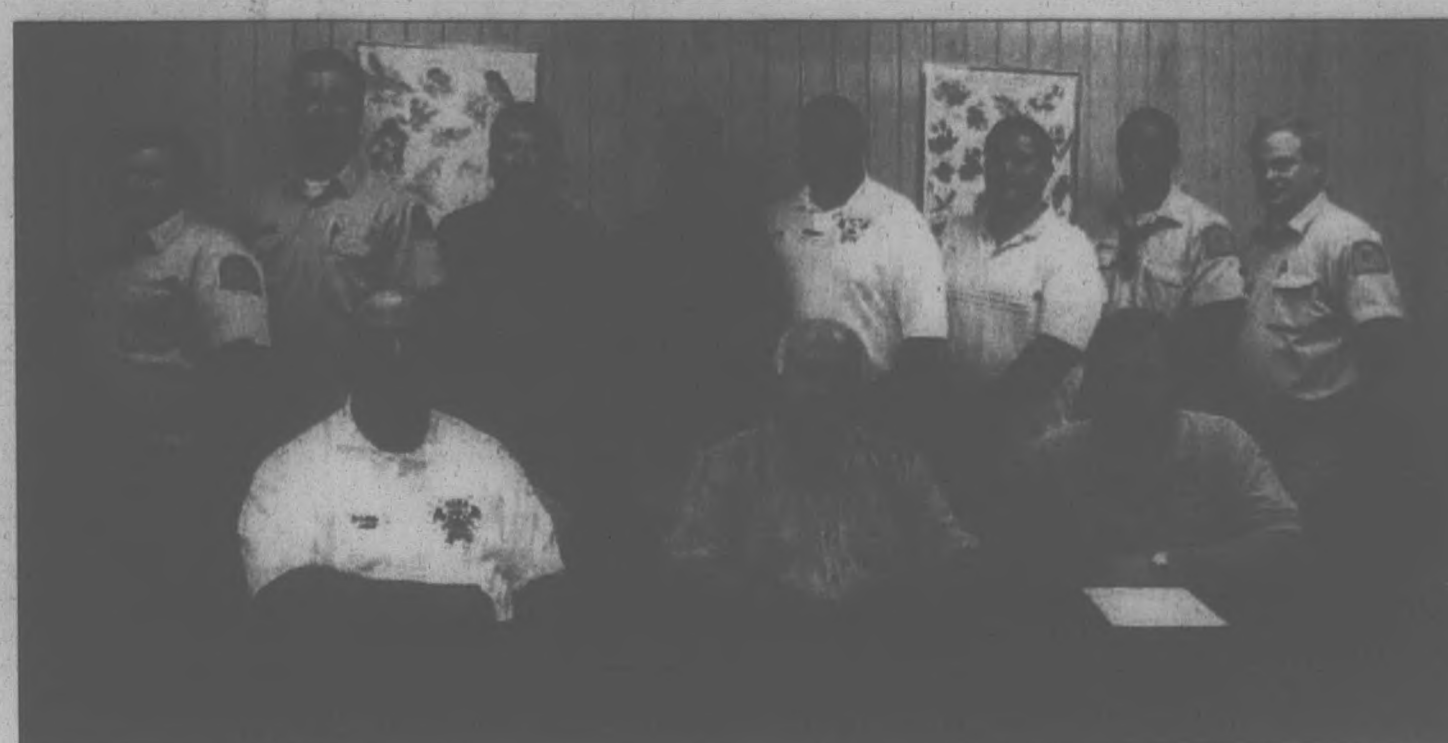
Robinson noted that Elba Police Chief Freddy Hanchey and another officer had donated blood earlier in the day.

When asked about the recent blood shortage, Robinson said there is still a shortage of blood around the state and region.

"We are here to help the community, as always," said Robinson. "You never know when someone may need blood."

Robinson expressed the Red Cross' appreciation to everyone who donated blood. To show the appreciation of the Red Cross, he said every person that gave blood on Monday received a free t-shirt and two weeks of free tanning. The donors were also entered to win two round-trip Delta Airlines tickets to anywhere in the U.S.A., as well as, a one-month tanning package.

Robinson said he personally wanted to again say "thank you" to everyone in the community that donated blood and remind anyone who wishes to give blood that they must be 17-years-old and present a donor card or a picture ID.



**VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS IN COFFEE COUNTY** received grant checks Monday evening, July 23, from the state's forestry commission. The checks were presented by Senator Jimmy Holley (also representing Representative Terry Spicer) and equaled more than \$1,800 each for the nine certified volunteer fire departments in Coffee County. Prior to presenting the checks, Sen. Holley read a letter from Alabama Governor Bob Riley thanking the men and women of the departments for volunteering their time to help others. The nine certified volunteer fire departments in the county include: Battens VFD, Elba VFD, Five Star VFD, Goodman VFD, Ino VFD, Kinston VFD, New Brockton VFD, Tri-Community VFD and Zion Chapel VFD. The grant check presentation was made at the Coffee County Forestry Commission office in New Brockton. Those in attendance included: (seated, left to right) Wesley DeVane, Elba Volunteer Fire Department; Senator Jimmy Holley; and Joseph McCollough, Five-Star Volunteer Fire Department; (standing left to right) Nick Grainger, Coffee County Forestry Commission; Bobby Light, manager of the Coffee County Forestry Commission; Glen Gatlin, Zion Chapel Volunteer Fire Department; Russ Young, Kinston Volunteer Fire Department; Greg Lee, New Brockton Volunteer Fire Department; Jeffrey Wood, Battens Volunteer Fire Department; Gary Coleman, fire specialist with the forestry commission; and Keith Stephens, ranger with the forestry commission.

## Commissioners handle routine business during bimonthly meeting

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Coffee County Commissioners held a short and routine meeting Monday morning, July 23, in New Brockton.

The first item on the agenda for commissioners was the opening of bids for pre-event debris removal. Six bids were submitted from various companies with amounts ranging from just under \$500,000 up to more than \$2.5 million dollars.

Upon the request of county

engineer Randy Tindell, commissioners voted to table this issue to allow more time for officials to look over the bids. Tindell said the bids were based on a "hypothetical storm" for the future.

It was noted the matter regarding inmate pharmacy services remained under old business for commissioners to discuss; however, they chose to keep the item tabled until a further date.

County resident Annette Griswold addressed commissioners on behalf of the "City on the Hill" radio program which airs on a local radio station every Saturday. She said a "Let Freedom ring in Jesus' Name" event will be held Sept. 8th from 6-8:30 p.m. at the Coffee County Farm Center.

Griswold requested a waiver on insurance from commissioners for the free-to-the-public event.

Commissioner Doug Dalrymple offered a motion with a second from Commissioner J.L. Weeks to waive all fees for the use of the farm center for the event. The motion was approved with five commissioners voting in favor

while two commissioners abstained from the vote. Abstaining were commissioners Robert Stephens and Bernest Brooks.

Commissioner Stephens said he was in support of Christian events, but he chose to abstain from the vote because he did not have prior knowledge of the event. Griswold spoke of during Monday's meeting.

After the vote, Griswold told Stephens she would be glad to get him some information on the event.

In matters from the county engineer, Tindell said each of the commissioners has received a draft copy of the subdivision regulations. He said the next order of business would be to adopt a resolution accepting the regulations.

Commissioner Bernest Brooks made a motion with a second from Weeks to adopt a resolution accepting the subdivision regulations.

Commissioner Dalrymple said he had received the draft copy but had not had time to look it over prior to Monday's meeting. Therefore, he made a motion with a second from Commissioner Tom Grimley to

table the issue. The motion to table was approved.

R.W. Whitworth, chief deputy for the sheriff's department, reported to commissioners that razor wire was being installed Monday around the jail facility.

Commissioner Linda Westbrook said the commission had received a letter from the Coffee County Water Authority asking to purchase a dump truck from the county highway department. Tindell said the truck was available for sale.

Westbrook made a motion with a second from commissioner Weeks to sell the dump truck to the Coffee County Water Authority for \$3,000. This motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Also during remarks from commissioners, Commissioner Stephens said a group from the Ino Senior Citizens' Center attended an event last Friday and had trouble with their bus. He said the Mt. Pleasant Senior Citizen Center came to the group's rescue, and he would like to personally thank them for their help.

The next Coffee County Commission meeting will be Monday, Aug. 13.

## On Duty: Meet the Coffee County EMS Team

**Editor's Note:** This week, The Elba Clipper begins a weekly feature focusing on the staff of Coffee County EMS. This feature is designed to help local citizens become better acquainted with those serving with the emergency response department.

Michael Hughes joined the Coffee County EMS team two years ago.

He had previously been a volunteer for six years and currently serves as an EMT Basic.

Hughes' special training includes National Registry EMT, State of Alabama EMT, AHA, BLS/CPR/AED Instructor, Firefighter and EVOC. He also said he is currently attending paramedic school. His overall plan is to obtain certification as instructor in all aspects of fire/rescue.

Hughes said the brotherhood of public servants is what he enjoys the most about his job.

When asked about his most memorable experience, Hughes said, "the East



EMT-B Michael Hughes

Montgomery tornadoes of 2006. My partner and I rescued, triaged and arranged transport for 41 children after the Fun Zone collapsed."

Hughes is also employed as Lieutenant Firefighter/EMT

and Training Officer at Midway/Damascus Fire Department. He is the web designer and sole proprietor of Hugcho Web Services. He also owns and operates Fastrax Van Lines.



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# LIFESTYLES

## Dean list students named at University of Alabama

A total of 4,316 students enrolled during the spring 2007 semester at The University of Alabama made the Dean's List with academic records of 3.5 or above (on a 4.0 scale), or the President's List with academic records of 4.0 (all As). The UA Dean's and President's Lists recognize full-time undergraduate students. The lists do not

apply to graduate students or undergraduate students who take less than a full course load. The spring 2007 lists include the following area students who each was named to the Dean's List: Elba: Anna Marie Harrison and Timothy C. Jackson; New Brockton: Stefanie N. Barker.



Joseph Summerlin

## Joseph Summerlin wins first place in piano solos competition

Joseph Summerlin, a Northport, AL, resident, won first place in piano solos at the National Association of Free Will Baptists Youth Competition July-18, 2007. Summerlin will be entering seventh grade at Northside Middle School this fall and is a member of Sulphur Springs Free Will Baptist Church in the Samanah Community about 20 miles north of Tuscaloosa, AL. Little Rock, AK hosted the NAFWB Convention and Youth Competitions this year, where more than 800 school aged children competed in 22 categories. Summerlin's age group in piano keyboarding had seven participants from the states of Arkansas, North Carolina, Illinois, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Florida, and his own state of Alabama. Each participant had to win a state competition to

## The Southeast Alabama Beekeepers to meet August 2nd

The Southeast Alabama Beekeepers Association will hold its monthly meeting on the 2nd of Aug. 2007 at 7 P.M. at the Coffee County Farm Center. Anyone interested in the honeybee is welcome to attend. For more information call Elizabeth Whitaker at 334-894-2077.

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## The Haynes Family to celebrate 12th Family Reunion



Sarah Lynn Holliday

## You may be the perfect student to take internet courses

Enterprise-Ozark community college offers a nice array of courses via the internet every semester. Students with certain characteristics succeed when taking these courses. Students must have a computer and reliable internet service, be self-motivated, be self-disciplined, and be self-learning. Also students need to have some computer skills, be able to read, and be able to write. Being able to independently solve complex problems is another valuable skill to have.

## MaChis Indian Tribe to meet on August 12

There will be a general membership meeting of the MaChis Lower Creek Indian Tribe of Alabama on Sunday, August 12, 2007, at 11:00 AM CST until 1:00 PM CST to complete drug disbursement program form. And other vital forms for future determination of services. The General Meeting will start at 2:00 PM CST at the Coffee County Farm Center Community Room located at 1015 East McKinnon Street in New Brockton, Alabama 36351.

## Medical Coding Class offered on LBWCC-MacArthur Campus

A Medical Coding Class will be offered on the MacArthur Campus of LBW Community College in Opp August 21, 2007 - December 4, 2007. The class will meet on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6 pm until 8 pm in the Raymond V. Chism Health Sciences Building, Room 103. This is a 15-week study course designed to prepare participants to take the national certification exam to become a Certified Professional Coder (CPC). This is a short-term, non-college credit course for students who do not wish to earn a degree.

The focus of course is learning the coding rules for the CPT, ICD-9-CM, and Level II (HCPCS) coding systems and applying the rules to code DRG, APC, RUGSIII. Coders abstract information from the patient record and combine it with their knowledge of reimbursement and coding guide-



Carlton &amp; Lenora Reeve

## Carlton and Lenora Reeve honored with surprise Anniversary party

Carlton and Lenora Reeve of Elba celebrated their 65th Wedding Anniversary on May 29 with a surprise Anniversary Party given by their children. They were also treated with a surprise Horse and Buggy Ride down Memory Lane.

## Register now for fall classes at EOCC

Registration opens for Enterprise-Ozark Community Colleges 2007 fall semester with classes beginning August 17 for the full-term and August 20 for the first mini-term. Complete information on how to be admitted to the college and how to register for classes is available online at [www.eocc.edu](http://www.eocc.edu). The 2007 Fall Class Schedule and the 2007-2008 Catalog and Student Handbook are all online as well. The schedule and catalog both contain directories for where to go for information, complete with telephone numbers and extensions. Or call the Enterprise Campus at (334) 347-2623, the Aviation Campus at Ozark at (334) 774-5113, or the Fort Rucker Site at (334) 598-3438.

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# CHURCH NEWS

## PASTOR'S CORNER

Rev. Stanley Carter, Pastor of Elba United Methodist Church

## "God is Near"

Read Luke 8:22-25

Once had a golden retriever named Duke. He was indeed a good friend. We took long walks together and Duke greeted me each morning of each new day. Duke is now in dog heaven. One thing unique about Duke was he was afraid of storms. Duke could not get close enough to me as he would lie at my feet or come to where I was seated and nuzzle his nose on my arm.

I am a lot like Duke myself. We all are. When the storms come into my life, God just can't be near enough. I want to feel God's presence and be reassured God is bigger than my storm. God is always near! Sometimes we may not feel His presence, but we can be reassured He is there. God has promised that there is no storm that He and I can't handle together. This is encouraging news because the storms will come in my life and in yours. Jesus "rebuked the wind and the raging water; the storm subsided, and all was calm."

## AL Jurisdiction #1 of the Church of God in Christ to host Annual State Sunshine Day

Alabama Jurisdiction #1 of the Church of God in Christ will host its Annual State Sunshine Day on July 28, 2007 at 10 a.m. in the Elba High School Auditorium in Elba, Alabama. Registration will begin at 9 a.m.

## Faith Assembly of God Church to host gospel singing on July 28th

Faith Assembly of God Church, located at 499 Meredith Street, Enterprise, Alabama, will host a gospel singing on July 28, 2007 beginning at 7 p.m. Featured singers will be Vessels of Clay and Derek Snellgrove. For more information call 334-894-6371 or 334-894-6620.

## Mt. Vernon Assembly of God to hold Homecoming and concert August 12

Mt. Vernon Assembly of God Homecoming and Concert will be August 12, 2007. The service will begin at 10:30 a.m. and the concert will feature The Larch Family and will take place after the meal.

For more information contact Rayford Hodge (334) 897-5354.

## Revival services to be held at Fairview Baptist Church July 29-August 1

Revival services are planned at Fairview Baptist Church on Hwy. 87, near Samson, for July 29th thru August 1st, 2007. Sunday Services will be held at 11:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Weekday services begin at 7:00 p.m. Special speaker will be Reverend Larry Cummings, Director Of Missions for Covington County.

## Benefit barbecue to be held for Marilyn Eddins

A benefit barbecue for Marilyn Eddins will be held on Saturday, July 28, with pick up at Jack Assembly of God fellowship hall from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Barbecue chicken plates will be available for a donation. For more information contact: 897-3792, 897-5099, or 897-3463.

## Gospel Concert to be held at Vanderbilt Holiness Church on July 28th

A Gospel Concert featuring "The Wilkerson Family" will be sponsored by Vanderbilt Holiness Church located on Coffee County Route 114 about one (1) mile past Wayne Farms

## Betty Jean Robinson will be in concert at Country Cathedral Friday July 27

Betty Jean Robinson will be in concert at Country Cathedral Friday, July 27 and Saturday, July 28 at 7 p.m. both nights. There will be no charge for admission. Country Cathedral is located about 5 miles east of

## Shiloh Baptist Church will hold homecoming and revival services

Shiloh Baptist Church will hold homecoming and revival services August 5-10, 2007. Homecoming service will be held Sunday, August 5. The Bryan's from Boscomb, Fla. will be the featured singers and will begin at 11 a.m. Bro. Joe Farris will bring the message following the singing and lunch will follow the message.

Revival services will be held on August 6-10 at 7 p.m. nightly. The guest preacher will be Bro. Gary Winstead from Ino Baptist Church. Everyone is invited to attend.

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## Church Directory

<p><b>IN HIM WAS LIFE AND THE LIFE WAS THE LIGHT OF MEN</b></p> <p><b>ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH</b> Rev. Richard Thorne, Sr. Pastor Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Wed. Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>ALBERTSON BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Wed. Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Wed. Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Wed. Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Wed. Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Wed. Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Wed. Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. 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Joe Parls, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Wed. Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>TAYLOR HILL COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Rev. Joe Parls, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Wed. Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>VANDERBILT HOLINESS CHURCH</b> Pastor: Rev. Ray L. Turner Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Wed. Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>VICTORIA BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Rev. Donnie Mader, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Wed. Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>WESTSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Rev. James Newell, Interim Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Wed. Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>WHITWATER BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Pastor: Randall Pearson Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Wed. Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>WOODLAND GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Rev. Don Patton, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Wed. 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## Alabama Securities Commission identifies "Top 10" traps facing investors

The Alabama Securities Commission (ASC) recently released its annual forecast of the Top 10 Traps likely to ensnare investors.

"The path to safe investing is littered with traps that are likely to catch unwary investors. It always pays to remember that any investment that sounds too good to be true, usually is," said ASC Director, Joseph Borg.

"Investor traps are usually baited with slick sales pitches promising high returns for little or no risk," Borg said, noting that investors also can become trapped by legitimate investment products that are suitable for some investors, but not all. Before making any investment, Borg urged investors to make sure that both the salesperson and the investment are licensed and registered in their state or province and that they have been given adequate written information that fully explains the investment. "You should also make sure that any claims made for the investment are realistic and not pie in the sky," Borg said.

The following listing, in alphabetical order of the ASC's Top 10 Traps for investors.

**Affinity Fraud.** Con artists are increasingly targeting religious, ethnic, cultural and professional groups. Some may be members of the group or pretend to be members in order to gain trust. Con artists often recruit a respected member of a community or religious congregation to promote their schemes by convincing them that a fraudulent investment is legitimate. In many cases, even these leaders become victims of what turns out to be a Ponzi scheme.

*Remember: Investigate before you invest - no matter who is selling.*

**Foreign Exchange Trading.** Foreign exchange (forex) trading can be legitimate for governments and businesses concerned about fluctuations in international currencies, and it can even be appropriate for some individual investors. But the average investor should be wary when it comes to these complex markets. Forex scams attract customers with sophisticated-sounding offers placed in newspaper advertisements, radio promotions, or on Internet sites. *Remember: If you don't understand an investment, don't invest.*

**Internet Fraud.** Scammers continue to take advantage of technology to lure investors into "pump-and-dump" stock schemes. Be wary of investments being pitched through unsolicited e-mails, instant messages, and phony websites. *Remember: The internet can be a con artist's dream - easy access to you and your money, with no "return address" if the deal goes sour.*

**Investment Seminars.** Promoters of unsuitable investments are increasingly seeking potential investors, particularly seniors, by offering seminars, many of them promising a free meal along with "higher returns and little or no risk." Unfortunately, in many of the cases that securities regulators see, it's just the opposite: high risk and no returns, just disastrous losses. *Remember: There's no such thing as a free lunch.*

**Oil and Gas Scams.** Rising oil and natural gas prices have made a variety of traditional and

alternative energy projects attractive to investors. Most of these investments are highly risky and not appropriate for smaller investors. *Remember: Con artists tend to follow the headlines.*

**Prime Bank Schemes.** Often promising high-yield, tax-free returns, promoters of these schemes offer to let the "little guy" in on what they claim are financial instruments from elite overseas banks usually offered only to the world's wealthiest investors. Prime banks do not exist and the scam artists have no intention of creating a profit for anyone but themselves. *Remember: Often the most sophisticated sounding investments are just false promises in fancy garb.*

**Private Securities Offerings.** Con artists are turning increasingly to private securities offerings under Rule 506 Regulation D of the Securities Act of 1933 to attract investors without having to go through the full registration process. Although sometimes legitimate, these offerings are often associated with fraud. *Remember: Especially with lightly regulated investment offerings, it pays to consult a trusted financial adviser.*

**Real Estate Investment Contracts.** Despite the recent decline in property values, investments in real estate long have been viewed as a "sure thing," one with little downside risk and the potential for substantial returns. Some real estate investments are securities subject to full regulation under the state and federal securities laws, including registration requirements and antifraud rules. *Remember: Just because an investment involves real estate - or pay phones or worm farms - it still may be a security, so check with your state securities regulator.*

**Unlicensed Individuals & Unregistered Products.** Anyone selling securities or providing investment advice about buying or selling securities must be appropriately licensed. Anyone engaging in these activities without a valid license to do so should be a red alert for investors. Con artists also bypass stringent state registration requirements to pitch

viatical settlements, pay telephone and ATM leasing contracts, and other investment contracts with the promise of "limited or no risk" and high returns. *Remember: Carefully check out anyone offering to help you buy or sell securities or providing investment advice.*

**Unsuitable Sales.** What might be a suitable investment for one investor might not be right for another. Securities professionals must know their customers' financial situation and refrain from recommending investments that they have reason to believe are unsuitable. For example, variable and equity indexed annuities are often unsuitable for senior citizens because those products are generally long-term investments that limit access to invested funds. But sales agents stand to earn high commissions on these investment products so they don't always adhere to the suitability standards - with dire consequences for seniors. *Remember: Make sure your investments match up with your age, your need for access to money, and your risk tolerance.*

**Director Borg strongly advises investors to contact their state or provincial secu-**

rities regulator with any questions about an investment product, broker or adviser, before making an investment. "The best time to call us is before you part with your hard earned money," Borg said. "It only takes one bad

and usually uninformed decision to wipe out your savings." On its website [www.asc.state.al.us](http://www.asc.state.al.us), the ASC provides tips on how to avoid becoming caught in an investment trap.



The "painful" look on blood donor Amber Hudson's face reveals there is a down-side to giving blood. While Hudson was more than happy to do her part in "giving the gift of life," she did not look forward to being stuck by the needle. While it's a quick stick, the rewards are large and longlasting.



Elba resident Allison Cole joined several others Monday, July 23, in giving blood during the Elba Community Blood Drive conducted by the American Red Cross. Red Cross officials were thankful for those who participated in the blood drive as there is always a need for blood to be donated. In an effort to attract donors, the Red Cross offered several give-a-ways during the event.

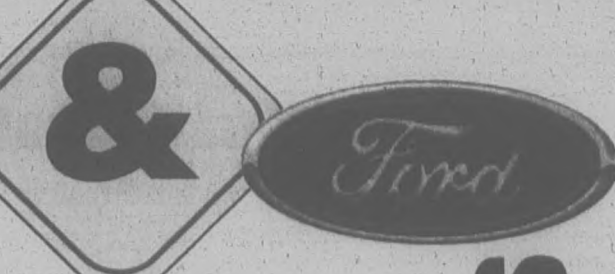
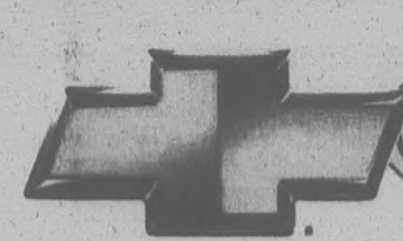
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